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River Basin and we need to gather data to be able to present credible information to special masters and various people who will be investigating and putting together the information necessary in a suit that we anticipate will come from Kansas. The cost-share program portion of the bill that we have introduced would give the four Natural Resources Districts in our southwest Nebraska Republican River Basin an appropriation of \$500,000 a year...an intent to provide \$500,000 a year for three years, to the NRDs if they are able to put a measuring or metering system on the wells in the Republican River Basin alluvial plain that would achieve a 90 percent or more participation in the metering program. It would allow the NRDs to cost-share with individual well owners the installation and the procurement of the measuring systems that they would require to put on their wells. It would allow the cost-share portion to be up to \$600 per well. Some wells would be fairly costly, other wells not so much. But I feel that the return that we would get from the...for the state in data and in necessary underlying information, would more than pay what we need to appropriate for the cost-share program, and save money in the lawsuit that's pending, or perhaps will be pending. Ninety-five percent chance it will be, I understand. Basically, the program. I'm also open for questions, and I think Senator Schrock will be visiting a little about some of the aspects of this measuring and metering program, as we proceed in discussing this particular aspect of the bill. And with that, I would yield my time back to the Chair, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR BEUTLER: What remaining time that I have I would like to cede to Senator Wickersham who will pick up on the last portion of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. The other portions have to do with LB 1190, a bill that was introduced in the Revenue Committee and advanced from that committee with one amendment, but it does relate to fuel, specifically in this instance, collection of the fuel tax. It does a number of things that we believe are beneficial. It creates a trust fund concept for the collection of the motor fuels taxes. There's language in three different areas of the